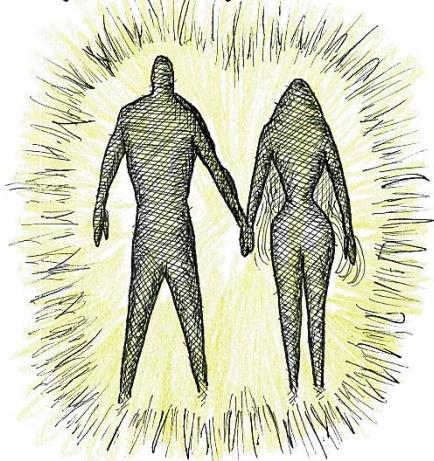
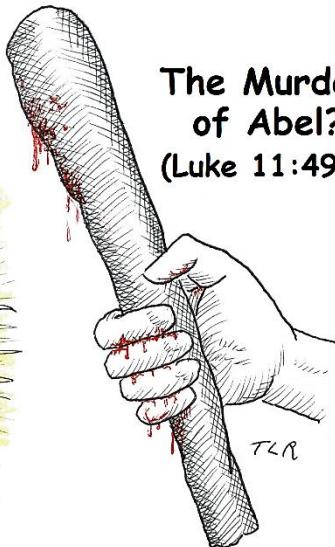


WHEN Did it HAPPEN?

The Union of
Adam & Eve?
(Mark 10:6)



The Murder
of Abel?
(Luke 11:49-51)



The Fall
of Adam?
(John 8:44)



The Beginnings
of Human Sin?
(Heb. 9:25-26)



“...SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD”
— LUKE 11:50 (NASB95)

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA
April 28th, AD 2024

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-eight Day of April, *in the Year of our Lord 2024*

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



Sunday School—9:30 AM.

We continue our exciting and illuminating studies in Church History—a too often neglected topic!

Morning Worship—9:30 AM.

Call to Worship:^{*} “*Our Great Savior*” (#1; Chorus ONLY).

Invocation.^{*}

Hymn: “*All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*” (#20).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Luke 11:43-51.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Special: Pastor (“*Morning has Broken*”).

Announcements.

Hymn: “*More About Jesus*” (#383).

Dismissal of Youth for Children’s Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: “*WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN?*” (Six Days, Pt. 3)

Closing Hymn:^{*} “*He is Lord*” (#21; Repeat 2X’s).

Benediction.^{*}



**The Congregation will please arise, if able.*

Week of April 21 – April 27

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—13

Midweek—4; Offering—\$400.00

Video Views (Facebook, Rumble, YouTube)—253



AFRICA UPDATE: April 17, 2024 (Pastor Keith Merriman)

Dear beloved, here is a message from one of the pastors in NW Cameroon (Nchinda Isaiah) whose church members received food support. God bless, Keith

PS. 255,000 Central African Francs = \$425 US Dollars.

On behalf of the brothers and sisters in Bamenda GB church I say thanks to the CGBCI in the United States for their kind support to us. The food support that came to us through pastor Solomon came at the time when things continue to be difficult to us due to the protracted crises. We pray that the Lord remember your support of 255000frs to us here and and here after to replenish the source. God bless you all.—Nchinda Isaiah (4/17/24)

AFRICA UPDATE: April 21, 2024 (Pastor Keith Merriman)

Dear beloved: here is a thank you from pastor Felix and his church for the food relief. God bless, Keith

Accept my greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I received a sum of 233500f (\$388) from pastor Solomon as food Relief for us, the Church of Mbockjikijem. The brethren were very happy to see such a wonderful provision for them, we received it gladly and have shared the food judiciously. The food was shared today the 21of April right after the end of our seasonal Conference that took place at Mbockjikijem. We are so thankful for the gift and praying that may God continue to bless you and the brethren who have given to us. Continue to pray for us in the North West of Cameroon, we are not yet free to move freely, people keep dying every day as the crisis continues.—Pastor Felix

AFRICA UPDATE: April 23, 2024 (Pastor Keith Merriman)



Dear beloved brethren, Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ. Torrential rains have hit the Nairobi area in Kenya and the Mathare GBC. Families have lost their household items and their bedding. The church was so flooded they were not

able to meet on Sunday. Please pray for these families that the Lord will provide for them to replace what they have lost. If you would like to help with this need please mark your gift "flood relief". Hope to send you more information as I have it. God bless, Keith

BIBLICAL REASONS

FOR AFFIRMING CREATION IN SIX LITERAL DAYS

Pastor Terry L. Reese; 4/28/24

- I. While the Hebrew word **yom** ("day") can indeed refer to an extended period of time (cf., Gen. 2:4), it is NEVER used in this manner when qualified by the phrase "**evening and morning**" (Gen. 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31) and associated with a **specific numeric value** (e.g., *first, second, third, fourth days*, etc.).
- II. **GENRE.** Genesis chs. 1-11 (often cast by modern men as *fable or poetry*) are written in the form of **HISTORICAL NARRATIVE**. The author Moses is engaged in *didactic teaching*, recounting God's creative & redemptive acts in **real space-time & history**. The *literary genre* here is *history*—not poetry or parable!
- III. **The Ordering of Events.** Genesis 1 cannot be reconciled with modern "scientific" theories by interpreting the "days" as vast geologic ages. In contrast to modern theories, the Earth (and plant life) precedes the creation of the Sun, even as birds and whales precede the origin of land animals, etc.
- IV. **7-Day Week.** Unlike Days & Years, there is no astronomical basis for having a 7-Day Week! WHERE, then, does it *come from*? The true *basis* for our Week is God's creative activity as recorded in Gen. 1:1-2:3! In the **4th Commandment**, which calls for the observance of the Sabbath (Ex. 20:8-11), Moses records that Creation Week forms a **literal pattern** for man to follow (6 Days of work+1 Day of rest).
- V. **ACCORDING TO JESUS** and the Apostles, **WHEN** did the events of early human history occur? The martyrdom of Abel (Luke 11:50)? The marriage of Adam & Eve (Mark 10:6)? The temptation of Adam (John 8:44) and human sin (Heb. 9:25-26)? **Answer: In the beginning, from the foundation of the world!**
- VI. **GENEOLOGY.** The genealogies of Gen. 5 & 11 create a time-frame that serves as the "spine" or framework for a meaningful historical chronology that cannot be unreasonably "stretched."
- VII. **THEOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS** regarding Adam's role and relationship unto Creation. Should we accept billions of years of earth-history without the presence of Adam—who was created as God's Vice-Regent over Creation (Gen. 1:26-30, Ps. 8)? Or millions of years of pain, death, and decay in God's "very good" world (Gen. 1:31) prior to Adam's Fall? When did the Curse of Death fall upon Creation (Gen.3:17-19, Rom.5:12-21, 1Cor.15:21-22)?